

## INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design entitled A COUPLING DEVICE FOR CONNECTING A REPLACEABLE FILTER ELEMENT TO A CONDUIT, the specification of which:

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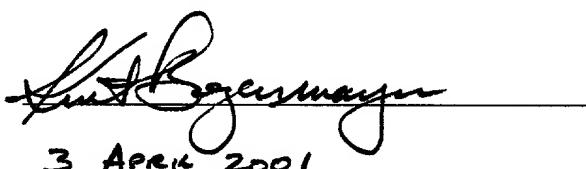
I hereby acknowledge that Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe represents the assignee of the above-identified invention and does not represent me.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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**AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I, Joel Shertok, am Vice President-Technology of Graver Technologies Inc., a Delaware Corporation "Assignee". The Assignee is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application ("the Patent Application") by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the Patent Application. As evidence of this assignment, the Assignee points to the enclosed copy of the Assignment from the inventor to Graver Technologies Inc. that will be submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the same day that this document is filed.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the Assignee and has full power to grant and revoke powers of attorney.

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